

The rejection of claims 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, written description is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that there is a complete written description of a vaporization system comprising a composition comprising specific sesquiterpene alcohols which has no odor above a detectable threshold.

More specifically, the specification describes on page 3, lines 11-13 that the agent comprises sesquiterpene alcohol with a boiling point of 250°C or higher with **essentially no detectable odor**.

Page 3, lines 13-16 describes that the agent has “an odor substantially below the detectable threshold.”

Page 3, lines 18-20 describes a composition comprising sesquiterpene alcohol having “an odor substantially below the detectable threshold and with a boiling point of 250° or higher.”

Page 6, lines 12-19 provides a written description of the specific sesquiterpene alcohols claimed as well as providing their boiling points as being 250°C or higher.

Page 6, lines 20-21 describes that sesquiterpene alcohols “having **an odor substantially below the detectable threshold**, are preferred.”

Page 7, lines 10-11 states that “Sesquiterpene alcohols that are **free of low boiling components are essentially odorless**.”

Applicants respectfully submit that such a description is sufficient for one of ordinary skill in the art to conclude that the invention was in possession of the claimed invention.

It is without doubt that applicants were in possession of the specifically enumerated sesquiterpene alcohols as claimed. In addition, applicants’ specification clearly describes that the sesquiterpene alcohol composition is 1) essentially odorless, 2) has an odor substantially below the detectable threshold; and 3) no detectable odor. As such one of ordinary skill in

the art would clearly conclude that applicants were in possession of each of the enumerated sesquiterpene alcohols in compositions which did not have a detectable odor.

While the examiner asserts on page 3 of the official action that “no where is it stated above a detectable threshold, nor without the boiling point limitation” applicants note:

While there is no *in haec verba* requirement, newly added claim limitations must be supported in the specification through express, implicit or inherent disclosure (M.P.E.P. 2163IB).

In the present case the description of the specifically claimed sesquiterpene alcohols is explicit. The description that the composition comprising sesquiterpene alcohols “has no odor above a detectable threshold” is explicit to the written description of the agent comprising sesquiterpene alcohol being 1) essentially odorless, 2) has an odor substantially below the detectable threshold; and 3) no detectable odor.

As to the absence of the boiling point limitation, a boiling point of 250°C is inherent to each of the claimed sesquiterpene alcohols as made clear by the disclosure on page 6 of applicants’ specification. There is no need to recite that the boiling points of the specific sesquiterpene alcohols are all above 250°C or to claim the inherent boiling point of the specifically claimed sesquiterpene alcohols. Thus, there is a complete written description of the claimed invention in applicants’ specification.

Thus, one of ordinary skill in the art would clearly conclude that applicants were in possession of an invention based on specifically enumerated sesquiterpene alcohols, the compositions having no odor above a detectable threshold.

As no new matter has been introduced into this application by applicants’ amendment of December 14, 2006, withdrawal of the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph is respectfully requested.

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Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and early identification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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